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SUBJECT: SUGAR MILL PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES, THAILAND

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1. RTG RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE CABINET ON JANUARY 5 APPROVED THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY'S REQUEST TO BAN THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW, OR THE EXPANSION OF EXISTING, SUGAR MILLS DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS (1977-1981) BECAUSE OF CURRENT OVER CAPACITY IN THAILAND AND UNCERTAIN WORLD PRICES FOR SUGARE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FOLLOWING THREE SUGAR MILL PROJECTS, WHICH WERE APPROVED IN 1976, ARE PERMITTED TO GO AHEAD: ONE IN KHON KAEN (NORTHEAST), ONE IN KANCHANABURI (WEST), AND ONE IN NAKHON PATHOM (CENTRAL).

3. IN OCTOBER 1976, TECHNIP CORPORATION (NEW YORK) SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH SIAM TRADE CENTER LTD. TO DO A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A NEW SUGAR MILL PROJECT. ARKEL, ASSOCIATED WITH TECHNIP, WILL DO THE STUDY. AS THE THAI FIRM HAS NOT YET

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SUBMITTED THIS PROJECT TO THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY FOR APPROVAL, IT SHOULD FALL UNDER THE GENERAL BAN. HOWEVER, SIAM TRADE CENTER ASSERTED THAT ITS PROJECT WILL GO AHEAD. SINCE THIS FIRM IS MANAGED BY THE BROTHER OF THE LATE GENERAL KRIS SIVARA, FORMER RTG COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE RTG MAY GRANT AN EXCEPTION TO THIS POLICY. WHITEHOUSE

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